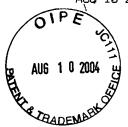
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Dear OIPE Representative:

This follows my telephone inquiry this morning to the Office of Initial Patent Examination, Customer Service. It concerns our not receiving a Filing Receipt in the subject case.

The OIPE representative I talked to this morning said that the Filing Receipt has not been issued yet. She told me the confirmation number is 2467. She also told me the Filing Receipt will be granted within three weeks from today.

What we have received to date is the return postcard indicating that the case has been granted Serial Number 10/673,720 and a Filing Date of September 29, 2003.

What is of most concern to us at present is that we may need the Foreign Filing License to be granted. We intend to file a PCT Patant Application in the U. S. Receiving Office by the PCT Request Date of September 29, 2004. The PCT filing will take place more than six months after the prior U.S. national application.

Would you be so kind as to inform me when the case will be given a Filing Receipt and a Foreign Filing License.

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